GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1583
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DEATH OF CHLDREN DUE TO MEASLES VACCINATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of death of children due to Measles Vaccnation have been recently reported in the country particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir.State-wise details of deaths following Measles Vaccination during 2008 are as under:

States	Number of reported deaths
Tamil Nadu	04
Assam	04
Maharashtra	04
Andhra Pradesh	01
Total	13

(c) Government of India has taken following steps in this regard:

1.National AEFI Committee and AEFI Committees in all States have been constituted to investigate and respond to such events.

2.Monitoring and Review of Cold Chain and Logistics is undertaken periodically.

3.Conduction of Health Workers (Vaccinators) training for taking all necessary precautions during vaccination.

4.Distribution of `Guidelines for Safe Immunization Practices` to State.